**NB # \_\_\_\_\_**

**Ancient Egypt**

**Quick Review!**

The first civilizations began in the river valleys of Africa and Asia. The river valley civilizations are:

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The world’s first civilization, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, developed in the Fertile Crescent. However, Sumer would soon be invaded by many other empires including: the Akkadians, Babylonians, Hittites, Assyrians, Persians, and Phoenicians.

**Kingdom of the Nile**

The Egyptian civilization was built on the banks of the Nile River in Africa.

* “Black Land” ~ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” ~ desert that stretches across Northern Africa.

Egypt was divided into two regions

* Upper Egypt ~ stretched from the Nile’s first \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (waterfall).
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ~ along the\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (rich land at the mouth of the river) where the Nile empties into the Mediterranean Sea.

**Kingdoms of Egypt**

*Old Kingdom (2575 B.C. - 2130 B.C.)*

Pharaohs organized \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with a bureaucracy and viziers.

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ~ government with many different jobs and levels (like our government)
* Vizier ~ helped the pharaoh by supervising the government.

During the Old Kingdom, the Egyptians built the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to honor the pharaohs.

*Middle Kingdom (1938 B.C. – 1630 B.C.)*

A time of trouble with many \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (dishonest) leaders.

At the end of the Middle Kingdom, foreign invaders called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ took over Egypt.

*New Kingdom (1539 B.C. – 1075 B.C.)*

Powerful and ambitious pharaohs created a strong and large empire.

* Hatshepsut ~ the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who expanded trade and helped Egypt prosper.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ~ a great military leader and expanded Egypt’s borders to their greatest extent ever!
* Ramses II ~ ruled for 66 years and successfully \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ around Egypt including Syria and Nubia.

*Decline of Egypt*

After 1100 B.C., Egypt was invaded and conquered by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

* In 332 B.C., the last Egyptian dynasty ended when Greeks took control. Later, Roman armies would replace the Greeks.

**Egyptian Religion**

Like most early civilizations, the Ancient Egyptians were polytheistic, believing in many gods.

* The chief god was Amon-Re ~ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The Pharaohs, who were viewed as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, received their right to rule from Amon-Re.

Egyptians also believed in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or life after death.

* Each soul had to pass a test to win eternal life – your heart would be weighed against the feather of truth.
* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ helped Egyptians survive the dangerous journey into the underworld providing spells, charms, and formulas.

**Afterlife and Mummification**

In addition, Egyptians buried their dead with everything they would need for eternity. They used \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to preserve dead bodies by embalming them.

* Pharaohs were buried in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with elaborate tombs like 18 year old pharaoh King Tut!

**Life in Egypt**

Like Mesopotamia, Egypt also used a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and ruling family was at the top of society.
* Below the pharaoh were the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and priests. Followed by the merchants, scribes, and artisans.
* Most people were peasant \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with a terrible life.

Egyptian women had a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and greater independence than other ancient civilizations.

* They could do almost everything that men could do!

**Egyptian Accomplishments**

Ancient Egyptians developed a system of writing called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

* Hieroglyphics ~ used \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to represent objects, or sounds.
* In the early 1800s, Jean Champollion found the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which helped us \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (or figure out) what each hieroglyph meant.

Egyptians also learned to make a paper-like writing material from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a plant that grows along the Nile.

Finally Egyptians contributed to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, astronomy, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.